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S. RES. 319

Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the deadly terrorist attacks against the people of Spain that occurred on March 11, 2004.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 2004

Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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terrorist attacks against the people of Spain that occurred on March 11, 2004.

Whereas on March 11, 2004, terrorists detonated a total of 10 bombs at 6 train stations in and around Madrid, Spain during morning rush hour, killing more than 190 people and injuring more than 1,200 others;

Whereas these attacks constitute the worst acts of terrorism ever experienced in Spain;

Whereas no organization has claimed responsibility for the terrorist attacks;

Whereas the terrorist organization known as ETA, which has been responsible for the deaths of more than 800 people during its decades long campaign to establish an independent Basque State, is a prime suspect as the perpetrator of these cowardly acts of terrorism against innocent people;

Whereas officials in Spain initiated another line of investigation to identify the perpetrators of the terrorist attacks after a van was found with detonators and an Arabic-language tape of Koranic verses;

Whereas President Jose Maria Aznar has stated that “we shall not forget”, bravely declared that Spain would not change its policies because of terrorist pressure, and declared three days of national mourning;

Whereas the President of the European Parliament has stated that the terrorist attacks are “a declaration of war on democracy”, Pope John Paul II has described the attacks as “despicable”, and the United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan expressed profound shock and indignation over this “senseless killing of innocent people”; and

Whereas President George W. Bush has already called President Aznar to offer his condolences and to assure him that “the United States stands resolutely with Spain in the fight against terrorism in all its forms and against the particular threat that Spain faces from the evil of ETA terrorism”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses the outrage and shock of the people of the United States over the terrorist attacks that occurred in and around Madrid, Spain on March 11, 2004;

6 (2) joins with President Bush in expressing its deepest condolences and pledges to remain shoulder to shoulder with the people of Spain in the war on terrorism;

10 (3) expresses its strong solidarity with the people of Spain during their difficult hour, and its deep condolences to the families of the victims of these despicable terrorist attacks;

14 (4) calls on all nations to join with the United States in condemning the monstrous attacks on the innocent people of Spain and in attempting to identify the perpetrators of the attacks and bring them to account;

19 (5) expresses its readiness to consult with representatives of King Juan Carlos, President Jose Maria Aznar, the Spanish government, the Spanish

1 Cortes, and other public authorities about joint ef-
2 forts to combat terrorism more effectively;

3 (6) commends the United States Embassy in
4 Madrid for its prompt offers of assistance to the
5 Government of Spain, and for its efforts to deter-
6 mine the welfare and whereabouts of United States
7 citizens who may have been affected by the terrorist
8 attacks; and

9 (7) urges the executive branch to continue to
10 provide all possible assistance to Spain in order to
11 identify and bring to account the perpetrators of the
12 terrorist attacks that occurred on March 11, 2004,
13 in Madrid and of other terrorist attacks against the
14 people of Spain.

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